COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter Of:

PRELIMINARY APPLICATION OF)			
FIVE PETITIONERS FOR THE)			
CREATION OF A WATER DISTRICT)	CASE	NO.	8508
IN FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY,)			
TO BE KNOWN AS THE PRATER)			
CREEK WATER DISTRICT)			

ORDER

On April 21, 1982, the Public Service Commission received a petition signed by five resident freeholders of Floyd County, Kentucky, requesting a preliminary hearing for the establishment of a water district along Kentucky Highway 1426, starting at Banner, Kentucky, and running south approximately 6.5 miles to Jarrell Branch Road, to be known as the Prater Creek Water District. Accompanying the petition was a checklist and map of the proposed service area. The checklist designated Mr. Ervin Akers as chairman of the proposed water district and spokesman for the residents of this area. The number of potential customers listed in the area was 350 initially with a growth potential of nearly 100 percent within the next 5 years. The water source listed by the petition was the City of Prestonsburg.

The City of Prestonsburg has recently completed a waterworks improvements project that increased its treatment plant capacity to 3 million gallons of water per day. It has also constructed an

eight-inch water transmission main which passes the mouth of Prater Creek. The anticipated water usage of the Prater Creek area has been accounted for in the expanded capacity of the Prestonsburg Water Treatment Facilities.

A hearing was held on September 7, 1982, in the offices of the Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky.

The Commission, after consideration of the record and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

- 1. There is a definite need for a water distribution system in the Prater Creek Area.
- 2. There is no other water system operating in the area at this time that is ready, willing and able to serve the Prater Creek Area.
- 3. The City of Prestonsburg should have an adequate supply of treated water available to serve the Prater Creek Area.
- 4. No approval of construction can be granted herein. Such approval should be sought by the water district after it has been created by an order of the Floyd County Court; has finalized plans, specifications and estimates for its proposed construction; and has secured the financing required for this construction.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the residents of the Prater Creek area of Floyd County, Kentucky, be and they hereby are authorized to petition the Floyd County Court for establishment of the Prater Creek Water District.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of September, 1982. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Marlin Mork Chairman

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Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary